Recycling works. It can save your organization money in avoided disposal costs and may produce revenue. Recycling also saves energy and natural resources. Recycling is not only good business, it's smart business!







Save \$\$\$ and reduce waste by using the S.C. Materials Exchange

The S.C. Materials Exchange is a **free** service that seeks to reduce waste by facilitating the exchange of reusable materials. In other words, it serves as a "matchmaking service" that provides users access to information on materials wanted or available.

So, if you have items you need to get rid of or you're looking for materials that are either free or less than the cost of new materials, then check out the S.C. Materials Exchange by clicking <u>here</u>.

November 15th is America Recycles Day!



It may fall on a Saturday this year, but that's no excuse not to celebrate. This is a great time to start a new recycling program or revamp your existing program.

The purpose of America Recycles Day (ARD) is to continue to promote the social, environmental and economic benefits of recycling. Many schools, local governments and organizations take this opportunity to encourage others to recycle and promote their own recycling and waste reduction programs.

For more information about ARD in South Carolina, click here.



Recycling Success Story: Bausch & Lomb

Bausch & Lomb Bausch & Lomb recycles nearly 60 percent of the waste that is generated at its facility in Greenville County. The list of recycled items includes cardboard, mixed paper, plastic, scrap metal and pallets as well as fiber and plastic drums. Not only did they see a reduction in their disposal costs, but they also managed to yield a net profit of \$75,000.

Bausch & Lomb created a recycling team with representatives from all departments. The team continuously looks for new recycling opportunites and educates fellow employees by sending emails and placing posters throughout the facility. The team is also responsible for planning the America Recycles Day event.

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